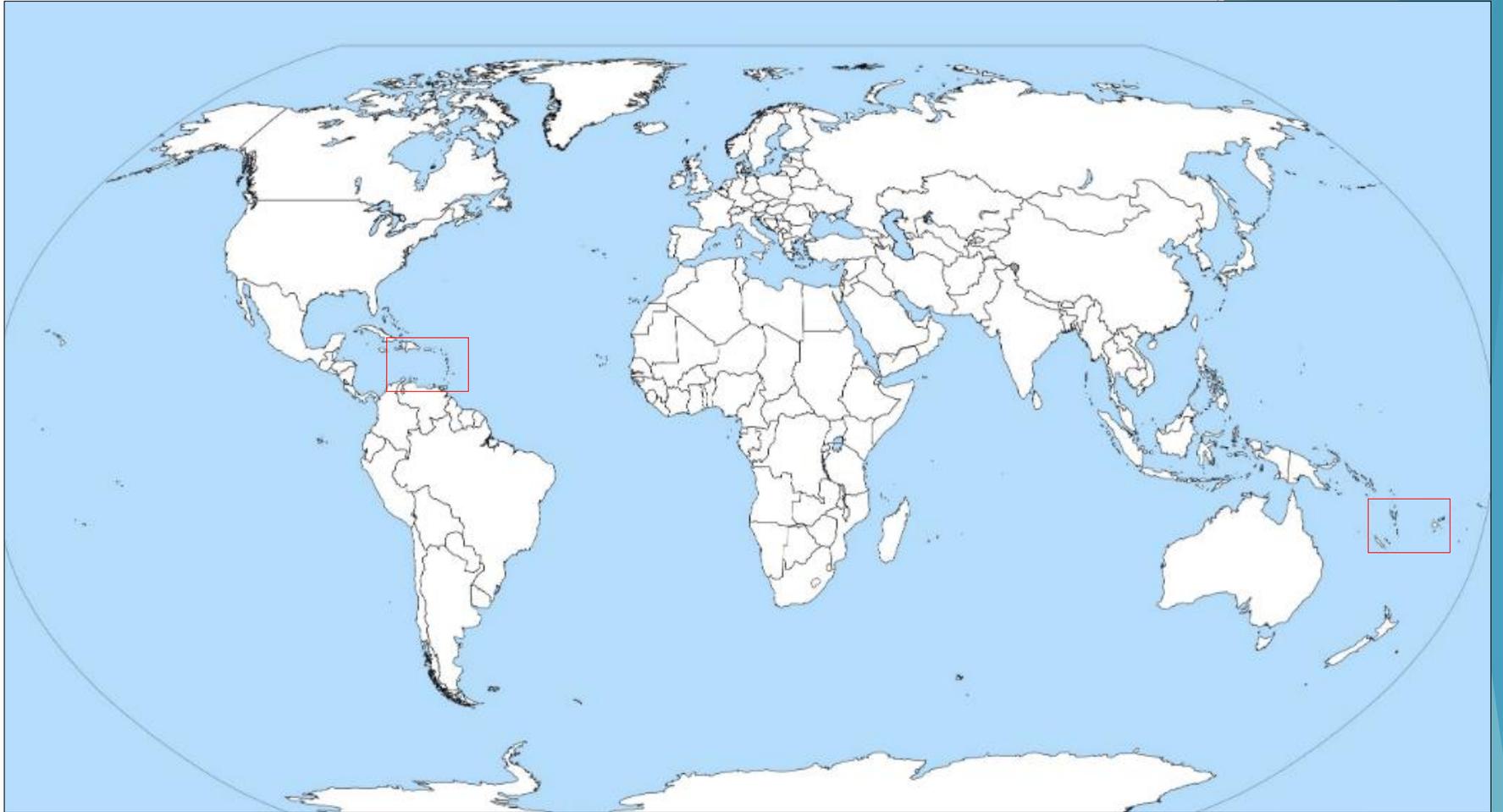


The Caribbean on the Edge: Regionalism and Insights for the Pacific Islands

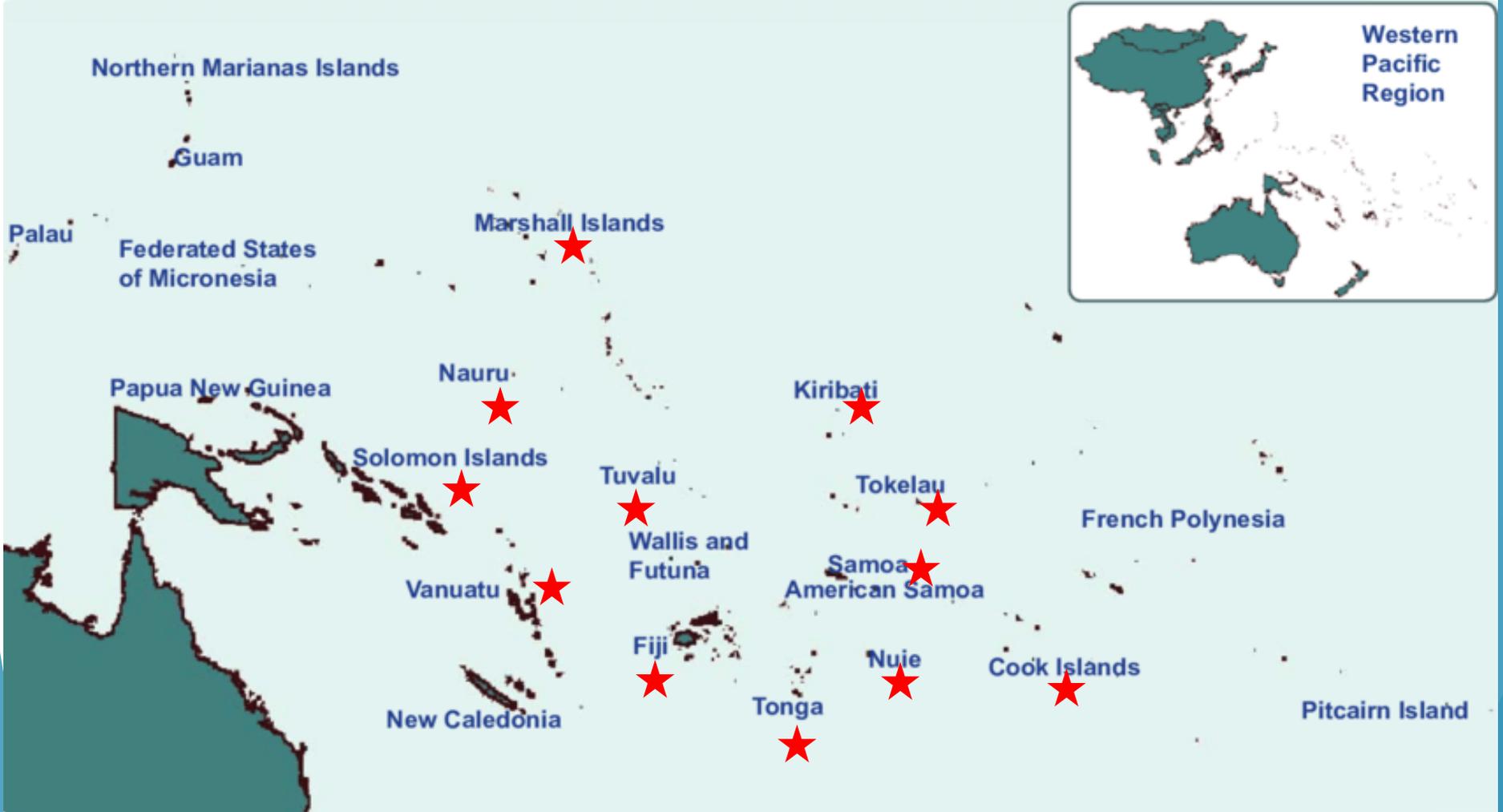
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The Setting

- ▶ No island is an island
- ▶ The Caribbean as a voyage of discovery
- ▶ Tense stability in the Caribbean
- ▶ The Caribbean on the Edge of history and on a policy standstill
- ▶ Time for global action

Regionalism in the Emerging World Order

- ▶ Pacific island ‘ We need a plan with each other, rather than against each other’
- ▶ Regionalism in the Pacific Islands is an inevitable process
- ▶ ‘Hegemonic’ and ‘integrationist’ regionalism
- ▶ Regionalism in the ‘multiplex world’
- ▶ Regionalism is key element - as the world economic and security political order wanes.

Theory Talks: The Cycle of Ideas in Caribbean Development

- ▶ Trade and Competitiveness as an engine of growth
- ▶ Capital flows and structural adjustment
- ▶ Human skills and Productivity
- ▶ Innovation and entrepreneurship
- ▶ Integration and convergence
- ▶ Sustainable development

Convergence: A Non Linear Process of Integration

- ▶ Linear and non linear growth
- ▶ Environmental Quality and economic growth
- ▶ ‘Structural waste’ and value creation
- ▶ Convergence and new pathways
- ▶ Measuring Economic resilience

Regionalism and the Global Trends – Implications for Island Economies

- ▶ Value chain is a powerful instrument for regional integration
- ▶ Expanding the economic space thru competitiveness and convergence
- ▶ Embodying the ‘index of experience’ into technical change
- ▶ Stimulus must steadily evolve, not merely be repeating

Connecting the Dots: Expanding the Integration Space

- ▶ Pacific : two track ‘critical path’ -confidence and negotiation
- ▶ Value chains are becoming more regional and less global
- ▶ The new regionalism - bridging the gap between policy and action.
- ▶ Choice between ‘ implementation deficit’ and ‘architectural design’

What are the risks ahead: Is the World sleepwalking into a crisis?

- ▶ Taking back control -political and multilateral institutions
- ▶ Including 'value chain' and 'blue' economy
- ▶ Macro stability - financial buffers, external shocks
- ▶ 'Inertia' in integration system and governance process
- ▶ A strategy for inter-regionalism
- ▶ Integration projects and public goods
- ▶ Convergence and flow of funds
- ▶ A new kind of diplomacy

Smallness and Power – Is Knowledge Diplomacy a tool?

- ▶ Synergy between political and economic logic
- ▶ Smallness and Power
- ▶ Is knowledge diplomacy a tool?
- ▶ Small State foreign policy ‘wobble room’?
- ▶ A moment in scholarship- USP and UWI

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